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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

P.O. Box 2815
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Re: Propose Control Measure for Ocean-Going Vessels At Berth

Clerk of the Board:

On behalf of Richmond Branch of the NAACP, I write to express our support for the proposed ***Control Measure for Ocean-Going Vessels at Berth***.

The Richmond Branch is a 501 (c) (4) Non-Profit Civil Rights organization that was chartered in 1944. As a unit within the National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP), its mandate is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of people of color. For over 110 years, the NAACP has challenged this nation to uphold its promise of equal opportunity toward the goal of eliminating racial prejudice and removing all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.

Ships are under the regulatory authority of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB is proposing changes to an existing regulation that controls emissions from large ships while at berth at Ports and refineries in the San Francisco Bay Area and other parts of California.

Ships at berth are an exceptionally large source of toxic pollution in our portside community. In the refinery corridor here in Richmond, there is an opportunity to encourage stronger regulations on these sources. Industry is lobbying for delay of this important regulation, so it is important for decision-makers to hear the community's voice.

This action by CARB will increase the number of container and cruise ships with controlled emissions and will extend requirements to ships used to import and export motor vehicles, oil and chemicals. The reduction in toxic pollutants will by 2032 save \$2.64 billion in medical costs due to avoiding premature deaths, hospitalizations and emergency room visits. CARB staff estimate that in Richmond, control of ship emissions will decrease cancer risks from these sources by 60% and achieve a 99% reduction in exposure of the residents to harmful pollutants.

- Regulation reduces harmful pollutants such as diesel particles in refinery and other vulnerable communities

- Health benefits are 2x the costs to ship owners, Ports and refineries
- Emission Control costs add less than a penny to the cost of fuel at the pump
- Bay Area oil terminals should be required to comply by 2025, on the same schedule as terminals located in Southern California
- Money from penalties or alternative compliance actions should be spent in consultation with local communities on local emission reduction actions.

In accordance with our mandate, we to go on record, supporting this propose Control Measure.

Sincerely,



Willie J. Robinson, President
Richmond Branch